



Frequently Asked Questions

2015 Street and Utility Projects



What streets are included?

The following streets will be included: 170th Street on the far eastern edge of the City, 115th Street from CTH A to 175th Avenue, 175th Avenue from 115th Street to 112th Street, and High Street/North Pierson Street from the railroad tracks to the Lakeside Foods entrance. To view the 2015-2016 Street/Utility Improvements Map, click [HERE](#).

When will construction begin?

Preliminary work began in early June. This included work by the utility companies, surveyors, and soils testing firms. The City Council approved construction bids on August 24. We anticipate that construction will begin shortly after Labor Day. For everyone's safety, please be patient and drive with caution along these streets.

I live along one of these streets. How will my property be affected?

City staff, consultants and contractors will work to minimize the impact on each property-owner along the proposed project routes. We will require that access for local traffic is maintained, but the routes may be closed to through traffic for portions of the project. From a financial standpoint, none of the construction cost will be assessed to adjacent property owners.

What is the total project cost?

The total estimated cost of the 2015 street and utility projects is approximately \$700,000. The City is partnering with the Town of Stanton, Town of Richmond, and Lakeside Foods on these projects; those partners will pay about one-third of the cost. Other sources of funds include New Richmond Utilities, impact fees, Storm Water Utility funds, and State Trust Fund loans. No special assessments are required for these projects.

What can I expect during construction?

Initially, the contractor will set up traffic control signs to close the street to through traffic. Next, the pavement surface will be removed from the road and that material stockpiled or hauled away. Base course from the road will also be either hauled away or salvaged at this time. Material will then be excavated and shaped in order to widen the existing road and create ditches or subgrade for curb and gutter. A base course of gravel will be placed on the subgrade and compacted followed by the construction of concrete curb and gutter (if applicable), and finally the pavement surface – typically in two layers. Following the actual roadway construction, topsoil will be applied and graded to ditches and areas behind the curb and gutter, with seed and mulch applied to restore the turf. Lastly, any street signs and mail boxes will be installed (or reinstalled).

What about my mail?

The contractor will meet with the post office and local carrier and they will discuss a plan that works best for each street. Oftentimes the contractor will remove all mailboxes on the street and move them to the end of the block and create a mail “bank” at this location which keeps the mailboxes out of the way during construction. Residents can get their mail from this location each evening during construction and this also keeps the carrier from trying to get to multiple locations during the construction period. After construction, the mail boxes will be put back in a location close to its original location and the mail will be delivered as it was prior to construction.

What about access to my residence?

The contractor will maintain temporary access to each residence each morning and evening. If you need to get in or out of your residence during the day, please try to coordinate ahead of time so the contractor can make sure they will be able to get you in or out.

Can I get a new driveway?

Drive entrances will be replaced at varying distances from the centerline on the road based on the proposed grades of the new street. This may include new pavement in your driveway up to the right-of-way line at no charge to you.

What about my landscaping items?

If you have existing landscaping items in the right-of-way such as boulders, planters, fences, or signs etc. these items should be removed prior to construction if possible. If it is not possible to remove these items, the contractor will remove the items during construction.

Will my water and sewer service be interrupted?

The water and sewer service will not be interrupted unless a main or service is hit during construction, in which case the contractor will make the necessary repairs to have service restored as soon as possible.

How do I stay informed about the project?

The City of New Richmond will share important information, including project updates and meeting details, through the New Richmond News and the City's website and social media accounts. Plan to attend any public informational meetings to ask questions.

Who do I contact with questions?

Contact Jeremiah Wendt, Public Works Director for the City of New Richmond, with any additional questions. He can be reached at 715-246-4268 or jwendt@newrichmondwi.gov.